## Press Release

## **HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Department of Community Services



PUBLIC SAFETY
"Ensuring a Safe
Harford"

EDUCATION
"Preparing Now,
Building for the Future"

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT "Governing Smarter"

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining Harford's Prosperity"

ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP
"Protecting Our
Environment"

QUALITY LIVING
"Safeguarding What is
Important to Harford
County Citizens"

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## Harford County Participates in Used & New Shoe Drive Benefiting Those in Need Worldwide

(Bel Air, MD) - - On Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 5 N. Main Street in Bel Air (two doors down from Buontempo's), the Harford County Department of Community Services, Office of Drug Control Policy, Juvenile Drug Court and Shoes 2 Share will present a Used & New Shoe Drive.

Shoes of any size, in any condition, and any style (except skates) will be collected to help those in dire need locally, domestically, and around the world; new socks and shoelaces will also be accepted. If possible, please pair together shoes by using their laces, rubber bands, Velcro, bags, etc. to make it easier for sorting. Monetary donations will also be accepted with or in lieu of a shoe donation to help Shoes 2 Share ship the shoes to their final destinations.

Shoes 2 Share is a grassroots, charitable ministry seeking to make life more comfortable around the world, for children and their families, through the donations of "new and like new shoes." Shoes 2 Share has a growing beneficiary list that includes international and domestic programs who receive these shoes so individuals are able to participate in school, church, sports, work, or just have everyday footwear protection when they may otherwise have to go barefoot. For more information on Shoes 2 Share, visit <a href="https://www.shoes2share.org">www.shoes2share.org</a>.

The Juvenile Drug Court is funded through the Harford County Department of Community Services, Office of Drug Control Policy, and is a free program to offenders who are involved with Juvenile Services and on probation. In years past, staff and participants at the Juvenile Drug Court have conducted many "donation drives." They have collected food, clothes, baby items, books, Shoe Boxes for Soldiers, items for Operation Christmas Child, etc. The goal of conducting donation drives is to teach Juvenile Drug Court participants about "giving back" to the community and others around the world who are in need.

For more information on the Harford County Used & New Shoe Drive, please contact Jennifer Hannibal at 410-420-3222, ext. 3 or <a href="mailto:jahannibal@harfordcountymd.gov">jahannibal@harfordcountymd.gov</a>.

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